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LOK SABHA

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PROMOTION OF TAMIL LANGUAGE
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of assistance sanctioned to various States for promoting Tamil language during each of the last three years, State-wise; and

(b) the specific steps taken by various State Governments to promote Tamil language during the said period?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI)

(a) & (b): Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Financial Assistance to State Governments for teaching modern Indian languages, grants are also offered to the Hindi speaking States to teach any of the South Indian languages in their schools. However, no States have so far availed of any funds under this Scheme for Tamil.

The development and promotion of Indian languages is also the responsibility of the concerned State Governments. The Centre does not monitor the decisions that the State Governments take in accordance with their policies on the subject. However, the government has recently set up the Indian Languages Promotion Council, an advisory body comprising linguists and expertsunder the chairmanship of the Prime Minister, to provide guidance for the promotion and development of all the Indian languages.